

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the
State of Nevada
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Pollution Control

PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action.

The Director received an application for a new Class II Air Quality Operating Permit, AP1479-4334 (FIN A1270) from the following applicant:

Lithium Nevada Corporation
3685 Lakeside Drive
Reno, NV 89509

Lithium Nevada Corporation – Thacker Pass Project (Li NV) is located approximately 18 miles west of Oroville, NV. The project is located in all or portions of Sections 1 and 12, Township 44N, Range 34E, M.D.B.&M, Sections 2 through 17, Township 44N, Range 35E, M.D.B.&M, and Sections 7, 8, 14 through 23, and 29, Township 44N, Range 36E, M.D.B.&M.

The purpose of this permitting action is to issue a new Class II Air Quality Operating Permit to Li NV to operate open-pit lithium mining and lithium processing operations designed to produce a lithium carbonate end product. The Li NV facility will recover lithium carbonate through ore crushing, acid leaching, and lithium processing. The on-site facilities will include a sulfuric acid plant to supply sulfuric acid for leaching. The sulfuric acid plant will also generate steam for energy that will provide power to support the Li NV facility.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing his intent to issue the proposed Class II Air Quality Operating Permit based on a review of the information submitted.

Pursuant to NAC 445B.3395.9(f), the Director is providing this notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed action. The Public Hearing will be held on **November 18, 2021** in Winnemucca, Nevada at **6:00 p.m.** at the following location:

**Boys and Girls Club of Winnemucca
1973 Whitworth Way
Winnemucca, NV 89445**

A copy of this document, the draft permit, and the Director's Review can be found here: <http://ndep.nv.gov/posts>. Any comments previously received and responses can be found here: <https://ndep.nv.gov/land/thacker-pass-project>. Copies of the application, requests for information, and other correspondence about this permitting action can be found here: <https://documentviewerpublic.ndep.nv.gov/Common/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Persons wishing to comment regarding this proposed action pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail or email within thirty (30) days to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection,
Bureau of Air Pollution Control, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001,
Carson City, Nevada 89701
Or by email to: ndepthackpass@ndep.nv.gov

The application, Director's Review, proposed permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be received at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until **November 18, 2021**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the proposed Class II Air Quality Operating Permit.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all interested persons.